

# *Minneapolis Police Department*

## Fact Sheet

### NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE IN MINNESOTA

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#### RISK LEVEL THREE

In addition to level two notification (schools and daycares as well as establishments and organizations that primarily serve individuals likely to be victimized by the offender), law enforcement may notify other members of the community whom the offender is likely to encounter.

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The *Minneapolis Police Department* is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The *Minneapolis Police Department* may be reached at 612-673-3932. To report criminal activity by this offender or any other individual, please call 911.

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#### JOSEPH CARL NELSON

DOB: 07/15/1980

OID: 213279

Race: American Indian or  
Alaskan Native

Ethnicity: None Listed

Height: 5' 11"

Eyes: Brown

Weight: 198 lbs.

Hair: Black

Complexion: Ruddy

Build: Large

Registration Statute(s): 609.345

Investigating Agency: Anoka Police Department

Last Release From Confinement Date: 10/22/2015

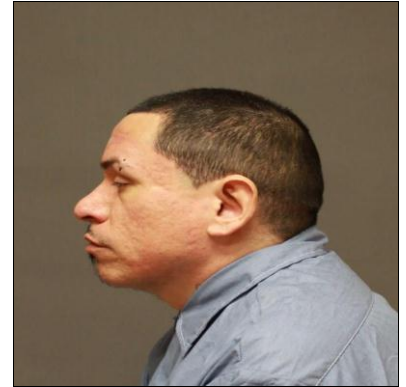
Supervision Agent: Not Applicable - Sentence Expired

Offense: Offender engaged in sexual contact with an adult female victim. Contact included penetration. Offender gained access by entering victim's room without permission. Offender took advantage of victim's sleeping state and used force to gain compliance. Offender was not previously known to victim.

Address: 1900 block of Park Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404



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The *Minneapolis Police Department* is releasing this information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052. This statute authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sexual or predatory offender's release from prison or a secure treatment facility when the *Minneapolis Police Department* believes that the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct or another offense that requires registration with law enforcement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 243.166 or 243.167.

This offender is **not wanted by the police** at this time and **has served the sentence** imposed on him/her by the court. This notification is not intended to increase fear in the community. Law enforcement believes that an informed public is a safer public.

The *Minneapolis Police Department* may not direct where the offender does or does not reside, nor can this agency direct where he/she works or goes to school. The risk level of this offender has been determined largely on his/her potential to re-offend based on his/her previous behavior.

Convicted sexual and predatory offenders have always been released to live in our communities. It was not until the passage of the Registration Act that law enforcement had an ability to track movement of these offenders after their initial release. With the passage of the Community Notification Act law enforcement may now share information about many of these offenders with the public. Abuse of this information to threaten, harass or intimidate a registered offender is unacceptable and such acts could be charged as a crime. Such abuses could potentially end the ability of law enforcement to provide these notifications. If community notification ends the only person who wins is the offender. Many of these offenders derive their power from the opportunity that secrecy provides.

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